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The following information on Czechoslovakian troops in Presov (R 49/E 37) and Kosice (R 49/E 34) and on the SNB center in Levoca (R 50/D 88) up to late March 1950 was obtained:

1. Military personnel in Presov:

a. CO of the 20th "Dukelsky" Inf Regt: Lieutenant Colonel Jaroslav Pali.
Unit No.: 8700 (1).

b. CO of military subdistrict headquarters: Lieutenant Colonel Vladimir Balczar (2).
Chief of military subdistrict hospital: Colonel Dr. Bernasovsky.

c. All troops of the Presov military post held record firing at the Kamenica nad Cirokou (R 49/E 86) target range from late January to early February 1950.

2. Military personnel in Kosice:

a. Division Commander: General Sasavsky, a native of Vinne (R 49/E 84), Slovakia; attended a course of instructions in Prague in March 1950 (3).

b. CO of a Kosice signal battalion: Lieutenant Colonel Balaz, a Slovak (4).

3. SNB training center in Levoca.

Postal forwarding numbers rather than Utvar numbers were used in correspondence between SNB and military units.

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Comment:

(1) The 20th Inf Regt (Unit No. 8700) was repeatedly confirmed in Presov during recent months.

(2) Confirms the Presov military subdistrict headquarters. A Lieutenant Colonel Balcar, identified in Presov in September 1949, may be the mentioned officer.

(3) A high-ranking officer named Sazavsky was reported for the first time.

(4) A signal battalion is reported for the first time to be stationed in Kosice. If the information is correct the signal battalion may be an element of the Turc Sv Martin 4th Sig Regt.

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